



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

23.4	Mad Hair Day
27.4	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
30.4	Assembly, 2pm - Room 4 leading
6.5	Parent Interviews
14.5	Assembly, 2pm - Room 3 leading
20.5	Disco: Years 1-4 from 5.30 - 6.45pm; Years 5-8 from 7-8.30pm
25.5	ICAS Computer Skills exam

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new term and all the possibilities that this holds for your children. We look forward to an exciting term where numeracy and literacy will be the cornerstone of our programme, art will take a significant part in respect to our integrated topic (Is There More To Art Than Meets The Eye?), and cross-country running will be the focus of both our fitness and sporting programmes. We are keen to see everyone get into fitness first thing in the morning and so have set a school wide goal regarding this. Parents/Caregivers, you are always welcome to join in on this programme if you so wish!

The Board of Trustees elections are about to take place and nominations must be in by noon tomorrow (Friday 23rd). I wish to encourage every one of you to consider standing. As a member of the Board of Trustees parents/caregivers play an important and significant role in the governance of the school and therefore in the education of not only your own child/children, but also in the education of the children of Mapua. This is a valuable role and one to be seriously considered. Please do not be put off by any preconception that you must have significant management skills to carry out this role. The Board is about giving community voice to the governance of the school and ongoing training is provided. Also if you join the current members of the Board they have a wealth of experience to share with newcomers. Being a member of the Board can be a very satisfying role so give it some serious thought tonight and get your nomination in tomorrow (a 400 maximum word statement should be included and this need only be an introduction of yourself to the full school community and it can outline your background, experience, and reason for standing) – nomination forms are available on the table in the foyer, individuals can be nominated by another or you can self nominate (nominate yourself). If you wish to talk with anyone about standing Lynley Worsley will be present and manning an election table between 8.30 and 9.00 tomorrow (Friday) or give me a call here at school on 5402806.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Neil Chalmers,

Principal



POPPIES

We have poppies available for a donation.
The House Leaders will be selling these before school outside the administration block.

ANZAC DAY - 25th April

11am at the Moutere Hills RSA Memorial Library, Mapua
Morning tea will follow the service, please bring a plate.
A warm welcome to all to attend.

A Big "Thank You"

Thank you to all those who helped with Mapua Easter Fair 2010. It was yet another successful fair and although the final figures are not yet available, it is looking like we made over \$30,000. This would not be possible without all the parents, friends and staff of the school and playcentre, who help out before and on the day - so THANK YOU to you all!

On behalf of myself and the Easter Fair Charitable Trust, please accept this as a personal thank you.

Angela Fon, Coordinator - Mapua Easter Fair.

DENTAL CLINIC The Mapua School Dental Clinic will be open on Thursday 22nd April for students to receive free dental care at school. Parents are most welcome to attend appointments with their child. The Dental Therapist in attendance is Dee Hollingsworth with Dental Assistant Rhonda Grant. Please note that preschoolers are eligible for free dental care from the age of 2 ½ (or earlier if concerned). If you wish to attend with your child, discuss any concerns about your child's oral health or make a new preschool appointment please phone: 540 2601.

EASTER EGG HUNT 2010!

Students met in their House Rooms for the exciting event of the Easter Egg Hunt! Before the fun started, the House Leaders set up face paints and groovy ears for each house colour, the students looked amazing. As the morning went by it was time to start the ultimate hunt!

The children of each house were chanting GO YELLOW, GO BLUE, GO RED OR GO GREEN!!!! It was great to see that their excitement levels going off the chart and the enthusiasm was awesome! To start off, the children got their first clue. It was brilliant to see the supportive actions with a competitive spark. As the first clue was released, the swarm of students ran across the school in search of their first clue. After a huge amount of screaming, laughing, searching, chanting and finding, the hunt came to a finish.

The children met back in their house groups and completed their puzzle. Once completed, they each got a yummy chocolate egg from the Easter Bunny. Now it was time for the parade!!! So House after House the children got their chance to show off their amazing costumes, supportive chants filled the admin area. It was an amazing day! Thank you for all the participation and making the day at its best! Happy Easter!

By Lydia & Lucy (House Leaders, Room 11)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Asthma Seminar - Free 1/2 day seminar and lunch for whanau affected by asthma on Thursday, 6 May from 10am - 2pm at Te Awhina Marae. Registration by 3 May for catering purposes to Madhu O'Brien on 5286 061, 021 02908 547 or madhu@tam.org.nz

Children Art Classes After School Art Program is coming to Mapua School in Term Two. Teaching the principles and techniques of drawing, painting, ceramics and sculpture, and having fun experimenting with a wide range of materials. Taught by qualified professional artist and art tutor, ASAP is designed for children aged 6-12. The cost of the seven week programme is \$140 per student and includes all materials, fruit snacks and discount at Impression Art Supplies. Family discounts available. Term two programme runs over seven weeks and is held at school on Monday, 3.05 - 4.30pm. First class 03 /05/10. For more information or bookings contact David Dylan Thomas Dip FA, BFA, 03 526 7772 or email: asapartprogram@yahoo.com

Motueka Family Service Centre will be running a free Wellbeing Programme this term primarily for those families with young children. The exciting programme runs over six sessions and is designed to help the participants make a change in their lifestyle, for their wellbeing. Each 2 hour session (weekly for 6 weeks), covers health and motivation to help the participant reach a goal that they will set. The programme starts Friday 30th April 9.30 - 11.30am. Throughout the programme the facilitator (Tracey Harrison) will be available for support and coaching in a group and individual basis. Guest speakers will be invited to share their knowledge with the group in areas of lifestyle factors affecting health and wellbeing. For more information contact Motueka Family Service Centre on 528 0234, or Tracey Harrison 5268807 (evenings).

Regional Cycleway near the Bypass

We would like to invite interested members of the Mapua school community to join us on a walk over a proposed route for the Regional Cycleway near the Bypass, from the bottom of the Chaytor Road Track across the Dominion Stream Flats to the Higgs Reserve.

This walk will give you an idea of the route which is favoured by the Regional Cycleway Trust.

The walk will be this Saturday morning, April 24 at 10am for about an hour. The walk will start from the NZTA office in Dominion Rd. You may prefer boots, but ordinary walking shoes are adequate for this gentle stroll.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact David Mitchell at david.mitchell@mapua.gen.nz